



Caribe Wave 2013 Officially Launches Tomorrow

By Julia Rawlins Bentham

Published: January 29, 2013

[Print](#) [Email](#)



(FP)

students of the St. Elizabeth Primary School.

The regional tsunami exercise, Caribe Wave 2013 scheduled for March, will officially be launched tomorrow, Wednesday, January 30, with a press conference at the Atlantis Hotel, Tent Bay, St. Joseph, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Acting Director of the Coastal Zone Management Unit, Dr. Lorna Inniss, and Deputy Director of the Department of Emergency Management, Kerry Hinds, are expected to address members of the press, while Chairman of the St. John District Emergency Organisation, John Haynes, will speak about preparations being made in St. John. There will also be a special tsunami presentation by

Further details of the ongoing Coastal Hazard Mascot Competition, and other promotional activities planned leading up to the national event will also be discussed during the press conference.

Barbados' involvement in Caribe Wave 2013 will include a table top exercise as well as a community-based one, designed to test respectively the emergency services and the community levels of preparedness for the likely impact of a tsunami.

Caribe Wave is conducted every two years to assist tsunami preparedness efforts throughout the Caribbean and adjacent regions, including the United States, the Canadian east coasts, the Gulf of Mexico and Bermuda.

The exercise is administered by the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami and other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (ICG/CARIBE EWS) of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization; along with the US National Weather Service and the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program.